



Biography

437th Airlift Wing (AMC)

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COLONEL BROOKS L. BASH



Colonel Brooks L. Bash is commander, 437th Airlift Wing, Charleston Air Force Base, S.C. The wing flies C-17 aircraft and works around the clock to provide airlift support and aeromedical evacuation. The 437th AW participates in military operations involving the airland and airdrop of troops, equipment and supplies; responds to Joint Chiefs of Staff-directed special operations missions, and supports U.S.-sponsored relief efforts worldwide.

He began his military career as a 1981 graduate of the United States Air Force Academy. The colonel has been an operational commander on three occasions. He commanded the 6th Air Refueling Squadron and orchestrated the squadron move from March AFB, Calif. to Travis AFB, Calif. He was deployed as the commander, 4413th Air Refueling Squadron (Provisional), Al Dhafra AB, United Arab Emirates in support of Operation SOUTHERN WATCH, to support the enforcement of the no fly zone over southern Iraq. The colonel also commanded the 89th Operations Group, 89th Airlift Wing, Andrews Air Force Base, Md.,

where he oversaw the operations of the group tasked with transporting the President, Vice President, Cabinet Secretaries, members of Congress, foreign heads of state, and other senior officials. The colonel most recently served as the deputy executive secretary for the National Security Council in the Executive Office of the President under both the Clinton and Bush Administrations.

EDUCATION:

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| 1981 | Bachelor of Science degree in Management, United States Air Force Academy, Colo. |
| 1983 | Squadron Officers School by correspondence |
| 1986 | Master of Science degree in Administration, Central Michigan University, Ill. |
| 1987 | Distinguished Graduate, Squadron Officers School, Maxwell AFB, Ala. |
| 1992 | Distinguished Graduate, Naval Command and Staff College, Newport, R.I. |
| 1992 | Master of Arts degree in National Security and Strategic Studies, Naval War College, R.I. |
| 1993 | School of Advanced Airpower Studies, Maxwell AFB, Ala. |
| 1994 | Master of Arts and Science degree in Airpower Studies, Air University, Maxwell AFB, Ala. |
| 1995 | Air War College by correspondence |
| 1997 | Army War College, Carlisle Barracks, Pa. |

ASSIGNMENTS:

1. May 1981 - June 1982, student, undergraduate pilot training, Laughlin AFB, Texas
2. July 1982 - September 1987, C-141B flight examiner and aircraft commander, McGuire AFB, N.J.
3. September 1987 - October 1988, Air Staff Training, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington D.C.
4. November 1988 - June 1990, C141B flight examiner and aircraft commander, chief, Squadron Standardization/Evaluation, Travis AFB, Calif.
5. July 1990 - June 1991, Wing Prime Nuclear Airlift Force Program Manager, Travis AFB, Calif.

6. July 1991 - June 1992, student, Naval Command and Staff College, Newport, R.I.
7. June 1992 - June 1993, student, School of Advance Airpower Studies, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
8. July 1993 - December 1993, chief, Strategic Concepts, Plans and Programs, Air Mobility Command, Scott AFB, Ill.
9. January 1994 - August 1994, executive officer to the vice commander, Air Mobility Command, Scott AFB, Ill.
10. December 1994 - May 1995 executive officer to the commander of 15th Air Force, Travis AFB, Calif.
11. May 1995 - June 1997, commander 6th Air Refueling Squadron, Travis AFB, Calif.
12. July 1997 - June 1998, student, Army War College, Carlisle Barracks, Pa.
13. July 1998 - January 2000, commander, 89th Operations Group, Andrews AFB, Md.
14. January 2000 - April 2002, deputy executive secretary, National Security Council, Executive Office of the President, Washington, D.C.
15. June 2002 – present, commander, 437th Airlift Wing, Charleston, S.C.

FLIGHT INFORMATION:

Rating: Command Pilot
 Flight Hours: More than 5600
 Aircraft: KC-10A, C-141B, C-9A/C, C-32, UH-1N; C-20B/H; C-37; T-38, T-37 and C-17A

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:

Defense Superior Service Medal
 Air Force Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters
 Aerial Achievement Medal
 Air Force Commendation Medal
 Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with three oak leaf clusters
 Combat Readiness Medal with two oak leaf clusters
 National Defense Service Medal
 Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal
 Southwest Asia Service Medal with two bronze stars

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION:

Second Lieutenant	May 27, 1981
First Lieutenant	May 27, 1983
Captain	May 27, 1985
Major	Oct 1, 1991
Lieutenant Colonel	Mar 1, 1994
Colonel	Sep 1, 1998

(Current as of May 2003)